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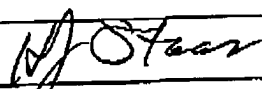
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		Application Number	09/940,522		
		Filing Date	August 29, 2001		
		First Named Inventor	Satoru WATANABE, et al.		
		Group Art Unit	2655		
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In re the Application of:

Satoru WATANABE, et al.

Serial No. 09/940,522

Group Art Unit: 2655

Confirmation No. 4691

Filed: August 29, 2001

Examiner: James S. Wozniak

For: VOICE INTERACTIVE SYSTEM AND VOICE INTERACTIVE METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on December 20, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.